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Peter Hahn, Director
Seattle Department of Transportation

RE: 2013-14 Seattle Bicycle Program Arterial Projects Work Plan

Dear Director Hahn:

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) is writing to express our support for the 2013-14 Bicycle Program work plan for arterial streets, and particularly for the four recent and ongoing projects which were presented in detail at the September 4, 2013 SBAB meeting: Northeast 75th Street, Northeast Roosevelt Way, Green Lake Way North, and Renton Avenue South.

We are encouraged to see that the 2013-14 facilities represent a broad mix of roadway treatments, rather than a heavy reliance on shared lane markings (sharrows) to meet 2007 Bicycle Master Plan implementation goals for miles constructed. The four highlighted projects are primarily traditional bike lanes and therefore are not "all ages and abilities" infrastructure consistent with the 2013 draft update to the Bicycle Master Plan; however, they improve safety significantly more than sharrows would. The four projects also close gaps in the existing network of bicycle facilities, which will greatly improve their usability, especially for competent and experienced bike riders.

We look forward to aggressive implementation of a bicycle facility network that works for riders of all ages and abilities, consistent with the overarching vision expressed in the draft update to the Bicycle Master Plan. We have been very encouraged by the recent construction of several protected bicycle lanes (cycle tracks) and neighborhood greenways and look forward to future phases of implementation.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

- City Council
Resolution 25534

Thanks to you and your staff for implementing these important projects to expand and improve Seattle's bicycle facility network.

Sincerely,

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Allegra Calder

Chair, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

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